

(2) The SOL shall be responsible for notifying GAO of the finding to award notwithstanding protest.

(c) *Protests after award.* (1) The CO shall notify the SOL prior to suspending or terminating the awarded contract.

(2) The written finding to authorize continued contract performance, notwithstanding protest, shall be written by the CO, reviewed by the SOL, and approved by the HCA.

(3) The SOL shall be responsible for notifying GAO of the finding to continue contract performance not withstanding protest.

(d) *Notice to GAO.* The CO shall prepare the report required by FAR 33.104(g), and coordinate it with the Assistant Solicitor, Acquisitions and Intellectual Property, and the Director, PAM, prior to HCA signature (signature level not redelegable). For protests regarding FIP acquisitions, the CO shall also coordinate the report with the Director, PIR. After signature, the report shall be forwarded to the Assistant Solicitor for Acquisitions and Intellectual Property for transmission to GAO.

1433.106 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

The provision at FAR 52.233-2, Service of Protest, as prescribed in FAR 33.106, shall be modified in accordance with the instructions in DIAR 1452.233-2.

Subpart 1433.2—Disputes and Appeals

1433.203 Applicability.

(a) The CO shall prepare any determination that application of the Contract Disputes Act to contracts with a foreign or international organization would not be in the public interest and

forward it to the HCA for review. The HCA shall be responsible for submitting the determination through the Director, PAM, to the AS/PMB for approval.

(b) The CBCA is authorized by the Contract Disputes Act or by the Secretary to consider and determine an appeal from a decision of a CO on a claim arising under or relating to a contract made by DOI.

1433.209 Suspected fraudulent claims.

The CO shall refer all matters relating to suspected fraudulent claims by a contractor or individual to the OIG for further action or investigation.

1433.211 Contracting officer's decision.

The CO's decision shall reference the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals, 6th Floor, 1800 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, and its rules of procedure at <http://www.cbca.gsa.gov>.

1433.213 Obligation to continue performance.

If the CO considers financing continued contractor performance to be in the best interest of the Government, the CO shall prepare and forward a determination to the HCA for approval.

1433.214 Alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

DOI strongly encourages the use of ADR in the resolution of disputes in lieu of litigation or adjudication. Efforts shall be made to resolve disputes in an expeditious and financially responsible manner.

1433.215 Contract clauses.

The Disputes clause contained in FAR 52.233-1 shall be used with its Alternate I in all solicitations and contracts.